



Fire Update

For Immediate Release

**Annabella
Fire,**
Fishlake National
Forest, Ut

June 14, 2006

Fire Information Center: 435-896-4872
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Web site Info: www.utahfireinfo.gov

Fire Facts

Date Started: June 7, 2006
Location: Cove Mountain, 7 miles southeast of Richfield
Percent Contained: 90%
Number of Personnel: 3 type 2 crews, 9 Type 1 IHC, Total 370
Equipment: 1 Dozers, 9 Engines, 2 Water Tenders
Structure Lost: None

Cause of Ignition: Lightning
Size: 573 acres
Est. Time of Containment: 6/14/06 1800
Aircraft: 1 type 3 Helicopter
Cost to date: Approx. 869K
Injuries: 1 minor

Annabella Fire looking good.

Richfield Ut.---Predicted red flag warnings materialized today with gusts of wind reaching upwards of 60 mph. Firelines were tested but no problems occurred. Some torching occurred well within the interior and presented some concern. This concern delayed the declaration of total containment by 24 hours to ensure fire lines are secure.

The morning infrared flight discovered 11 spots on the perimeter all of which were extinguished and crews will continue mop up activities inside the fires edge.

The Type 1 heavy helicopter, the Sky Crane, has been released and redeployed to other incidents.

Crews will remain camped near Big Lake and the fire to ensure efficient use of available resources.

Tomorrow's Planned Activity: Suppression forces will continue to work toward full containment. Predicted windy weather will test the security of existing lines.

An infrared flight is again planned for the early morning to detect any hot spots not currently identified

Demobilization of forces will begin with the release of four crews for re assignment to other incidents. Two other crews and a Strike Team of 5 Engines will be redeployed to Richfield for initial attack response to any new fires.

A Type 3 helicopter is in place for support of fire suppression activities and shuttling personnel and supplies where they are needed.

Other Important Messages: While there is no official road closure of Forest Service road 068 from Christensen Spring to Hunters Flat anyone driving in that area should pay particular attention due to very dusty conditions and numerous fire vehicles. In order to prevent potential accidents Forest Service officials ask that the public not travel in this area and thank everyone for their cooperation. If you do not have to be there please stay out the area for the public and fire fighter safety.

The weather is hot, windy, and the forest is extremely dry. Caution should be used by all those using public lands during all outdoor activities.

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